would grant us his Spirit as we are just setting out in the christian ministry - & may it be a day that I shall long remember.

Dec^r. 11^th. Had a special spirit of prayer for S.A.S. & S.S. & the whole family - I cannot but feel that God will hear and bless me

Attended Society of Inquiry - subject Moravian Missions & those devoted men - May I be like them.

Dec 13. Received a letter from Bucks mentioning some opinions and reports that were in circulation respecting S.A. which had a most sad effect for a little time upon my feelings; but soon I found abundant consolation in the reflection that the Almighty will do all things well & that he reigneth - These things will in time all die away — I never before felt so much satisfaction in committing all my concerns to God - and in dwelling upon the thought that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth

Dec 14. To day is the day for our fasting - One year since I was in this place and observed a similar fast - since then I have spent 8 months in B— and oh when I look back upon my indecision - inactivity - worldly-mindedness and temporising spirit - when I consider that in the whole course of that year - (nay I may say of my life) I have done almost nothing in the cause of my Redeemer - alas! how dark the picture - how humbling the reflection - & my God deliver me from such a course hereafter - strengthen my weakness - & let me be thine and only thine - Give me to day the spirit of Brainerd, of Martyn, of Mills & of Paul & of my dear Redeemer.

Jany 19. I have for some time neglected my journal - & wish I could get over this aversion to writing my experience. Since I last wrote I have been reading books connected with Slavery and my feelings have been wonderfully excited in behalf of poor degraded enslaved Africa - Never have I felt so much for any class of beings before - What this may result in God only knows - If in consequence I am the means in any degree of raising them to their proper sphere the rational creation I shall have done much and my life will not have been in vain - In

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the words of another I am a little man but with the blessing of God my influence can be felt throughout the world. By my influence, with God to direct and bless, Africa may be made to arise from her degradation and shake herself from her chains - By my influence with Omnipotence to assist, a train of causes may be set in operation that shall consummate the glorious work already begun in Africa - O what a field &c am I the laborer? God only knows. my spirit of prayer for S. A. still continues and if she is not now a christian I cannot but hope that the time is not far distant when she will be.

Feb y 3d To day have sat down at the table of my saviour & I trust experienced his presence - may the strength thus obtained go with me to P - and may I be the means of doing something there for God - O that I could meet S.A. and find her a friend of Jesus - O that my bible class may be blessed of God - O that Africa may be disenthralled - Friday was a fast - the most profitable I hope of any I have lately enjoyed - what is man what am I vile pensioner of an hour - How soon will heaven or hell be mine. To morrow ah it may not come - To day then my God be mine that should to morrow never come the slumber of death shall be sweet being pillowed on the arms of Jesus

Feb 10. To day have felt many wandering sinful thoughts this evening when I retired to my closet found the same distracted mind so that for some time, my supplication was disconnected wandering &c until after a severe struggle I experienced a season of sweet communion - God seemed verily there It seemed as though I could almost see him listening & stretching out his hand to bless - I carried to him S.A. It seemed as though he took her in his arms & blessed her & said to me thy prayer is heard - O how awful how lovely - verily God is now looking upon me - O God thou knowest the truth of what I feel - sanctify do not condemn me.

Feby 5th 1829. Alas my poor journal & heart how are you neglected — To day is the annual fast — I have fasted but how little have I prayed!

Oct 24th 1829 — Last evening preached in the orange street lecture room — This evening addressed the Africans at the Af. Chh — The question whether I shall devote my life to the promotion of their interest still causes me many anxious thought — God grant me direction & wisdom.

Dec 27th 1829 — I have just returned from a visit of 6 weeks at Berlin & Bolton in Mass ~~for purpose~~ of preaching there. The labors of a minister of Jesus how arduous — how much wisdom — "Who is sufficient for these things"? At Bolton preached a Mr Greenleaf's wife crazy. I trust people will find that we are not such good heretics as the good christian brothers report us. O how far short of those christian attainments wh I ought to make do I come — Heard Dod T. preach today "Without holiness no man can see the Lord" — Good man, how is he wronged by those who ought to be his friends & to hail him as one of the greatest champions for truth which God has raised up for years! O Lord bless my labors in Berlin & Bolton — Grant that eternity may show me some souls as the seals of my ministry — Guide bless me while here on earth — Make me more holy — fit me for heaven — Amen —

Jan'y 1st 1830. This is the commencement of a new year - Spent the day as usual except a prayer meeting in the morning in behalf of the indians. When I review my past life - alas how little have I done for G. What timidity - What unfaithfulness to my master - to myself - to the souls of others - O God forgive me & enable me now to dedicate myself anew to thee - & sanctify - support - strengthen - quicken & bless & prepare me for future usefulness. I wd desire to give myself away to thee - to know no will but thine - O that I had more strength of principle - more of the vitality of religion - more deep toned piety - but alas - I am prone to lament all this as a calamity but no it is not so - Amos thou art a man - What guilt there to live so far below the mark - God grant that this year may show more done for G. both in the cultivation of my own heart & in my influence on others -

Sabb. Morn'g Jan'y 3. 1830. In the morning record my resolution to spend the coming year more as becomes a follower of G. There are many things wh need amendment - e.g.

1. I sleep too much - I must rise earlier - say at 6 o'clock -
2. I eat too much - I must eat less each meal or have only two
3. I need more stability of character.
4. I must be more careful to make my preparation for the sab on Saturday
5. I am deficient in every christ grace & duty - particularly self-examination
6. I need more of a spirit of prayer.
7. My study of the Bible sh'd be more diligent.
8. I need to cultivate the tact of making social conversation profitable
9. I need more boldness - The righteous are as bold as a lion - & so

I might go on ad infinitum. This day I expect to sit at the table of my Lord - I desire to consecrate myself anew to his service - Dear Redeemer meet with me & bless me - give me penitence for past remissness - & strength for future service

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Sabb. Evening Jan'y 10th If all the year is to spent & no more headway be made in the work of reformation than I have made the past week I may as well give up all hopes of amendment. In all my resolutions I have failed

Journal. — April 4th South Berwick —

An important day inasmuch as I then offered my hand & heart to S. A. H. for life.

April 7th 1827 - Perhaps the most important day in my life, inasmuch as then my offer on the 4th was accepted - & it was a day long to be remembered by me - a day the consequences of which life and eternity alone can reveal - a day of solemn obligations & fervent promises - & God let them never be weakened or forgotten - & never, never, shall I forget the solemnity & fulness of feeling that I then experienced - I felt that I was acting for eternity - eternity

Sept 24th Brother Peck died at 3 o'clock P.M. - after a lingering sickness of four weeks - & that this dispensation may have its proper effect on me - "Be ye also ready for at such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh" "Do with your might what your hands find to do." "Work while the day lasts for the night of death soon cometh when no man can work" "Rise to meet the bridegroom." "Trim your lamps & keep them burning Run the race; win the prize —

Oct 6. Brother Freeman also died - & why am I spared?

Oct 31. To day in company with S. A. H. visited the organ and there in the house of God mutually dedicated ourselves to the Lord of Hosts - the father of the fatherless - & that we may have one hope - one father - one mediator - one final, heavenly home & — be extensively useful on the earth in bringing home immortal souls to their heavenly father & to him who died to save them.

Nov 11th To day am I 23 - & it has been a most interesting evening - my mind spontaneously fixed itself upon the subject of death - my own & S. A. H. — never have I had such vivid views - never was imagination so vivid - Indeed I could not refrain from tears —

Dec 3d Received information of the Sudden and unexpected death of Major C. Higgins. O how wretched the aged sinners end - O let his example - his life and Sudden death never be erased from my mind - May I see in him the inveterate influence of habit - and when I find myself indulging in any habits that are wrong may I look to him and stop before it is too late.

Dec 4. This evening wrote to L. A. on the subject of her affliction O my God may this be the means of her salvation - She is now an orphan - And now, though She is not hopefully pious yet do I feel rejoiced when I think of the way in which God has led me to form a union with her so that now I may be all to her that earthly friends can be - and I do most confidently hope from the fervency I have felt in praying for her, that I may also be the humble means of leading her to Jesus. O could I hear of her conversion it seems that my soul would rejoice and be exceeding glad & grateful to God and to that dear Lamb who gave his blood to ransom rebels doomed & justly doomed to die.

Dec 8th 1827. I now purpose to keep a regular journal of the most interesting daily frames of mind which I enjoy & of the ordinary events of my life - May this be the means of my growth in grace - & may I often look back upon these little records and see whether I am making any progress or not - O the christian warfare - the human soul - its relations to God & eternity - its connections with other souls around - O I am lost in the contemplation - it is too vast for me - gracious God do thou perfect my weakness and in thy strenght enable me to live and act as becomes a — a soul thus situated.

Dec 10th Attended a classmeeting - Heard brother Barleys experience afterwards remarks were made respecting cultivating a more elevated piety - the brethren seemed awake - the Spirit of God seemed to be among us - It was a precious meeting to me. Friday was set apart as a day of fasting & prayer that God

Feb 17. Felt especially interested for my bible class before I met them - And when I conversed with them discovered in one or two some feeling - It went to my heart - O the thought that I should meet them in another world! - This evening felt a special spirit of prayer for them & S.A. - Do these frames come from proper motives? - O Lord thou knowest.

Monday March 17. Since the last date have been at B - To day received a letter from S.A. O could she know the anguish of my heart - The tears I shed and the prayers I offer for her salvation - Never before have I met with a trial - an affliction like to the one which seems now to be before me - O my God I can only commend myself & her to thy kind care - Greatly have we sinned - grievously have we been afflicted - O Lord how long! comfort and support us both let what will betide - Have mercy also upon the base destroyers of our peace - Oh have mercy and make them sensible of their sins - Guide me - solve my doubts - direct my mind - & enable me to act for thy glory - O my father thou knowest what I need.

March 19 - Just finished a letter to S.A. may it comfort her and lead her to Jesus - Made some remarks to day to brother Steele who is going south respecting the negroes - who knows how much fruit may be reaped - God grant the harvest may be abundant -

April 13th This a most delightful morning - Truly such a day is to the Students a day of rest - Have been lately & am now engaged in writing an eulogy in memory of a dear brother who has lately left us exclaiming as he died "It is all clear It is all clear" This duty leads me to look more carefully into my past conduct & feelings in order that from my own experience I may better judge what particular instruction this event should convey to my classmates! Oh! how many bright and visionary schemes! how many precious moments thus lost forever! how many duties & privileges misimproved - Why was I not cut down with all my mountain hopes? Gods ways are not as our ways. One other subject of immense importance lies continually upon my anxious mind O that I may have the guidance of heaven! My bible class and more than all the enslaved African my brother man - Can I forget them? Tuesday evening comes a report from the Colonization Committee of which I have been lately made a member. O! God may it awaken a deeper interest on the subject among us - may some Clarkson arise here.

Sept. 28th 1828. Another year in this seminary is soon to close - To day sat at the communion table with some of the brethren for the last - A most excellent sermon from Dr Porter - A most interesting day - Since my last date my mind has been twice exceedingly agitated with the question whether I shall devote my life to the cause of colonization Whenever the tone of my pious feelings is elevated then this question comes home to my heart - Blessed Jesus direct me!

Nov 2. Sabbath. This is the first Sabbath in the term and the commencement of another year in the seminary - A good sermon from Dr P - "Christ & him crucified". O that I may never preach any other gospel. God grant that this year may bear a better record of me to the Court of heaven than the one that has past. Oh! that my mind could be settled ~~not~~ respecting the cause of Africa - O God direct direct me!

Dec 21st In the multiplicity of my cares & studies my poor journal is almost entirely neglected - and alas my heart too. The cause of Africa grows in interest in my mind - But still I waver - I think of my talents - my powers of delivery & alas I am so foolish as sometimes to think that these will enable me if I remain here to acquire some comfortable & honorable situation - These thoughts sometimes steal on me unawares - But oh what have I that I did not receive? - what have I more than others? What have I to be proud of? away away ye vain - ye impious thoughts - What more honorable than to be a missionary of the cross? Here again I am in trouble lest I should choose this mode of life because it is honorable. Oh thy deceitful sinful heart! who is sufficient for these things. Lord Jesus send me the promised spirit to guide me! This has been an interesting day. The subject in the forenoon "Father glorify thy name": In the afternoon Messiah rejected "Not this man but Barabbas

I suppose because (I) great (I) made them. I trust I shall learn bye
& bye tht I shall not, if I can, walk alone. O how much am I
indebted to divine grace for all tht I have & am! Read Mr Bacon
& Fitch to day. O that God wd enable me to carry some of my resolutions
into effect_ O that I may feel more deeply the value of time & learn
to improve & moments as they fly to better advantage.
Wednesday I shall probably return home for vacation - I desire to
go home to do good & not evil. O God grant tht thy Spirit may go with
me & tht I may be a means of saving souls.

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